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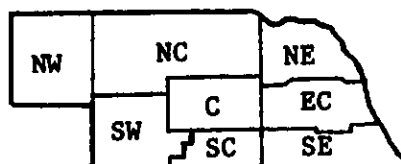
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WEATHER

The week was mild with light precipitation at the beginning and end. Precipitation amounts averaged from traces up to three-tenths of an inch. Temperatures averaged from six degrees below normal in the southwest up to three degrees above normal in the east central.

GENERAL

Snow during the week brought fieldwork to a halt, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Eastern farmers were working fall tillage and applying fertilizer before Tuesday's snow forced them out of the fields. A few growers, especially in the West, were trying to harvest their remaining corn fields. Other activities consisted of moving hay, equipment and building maintenance, ordering supplies, tax planning, and caring for livestock.

Topsoil moisture was 54% short, 45% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 79% short and 21% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture was 97% short and 3% adequate, while subsoil moisture was 88% short and 12% adequate.

CROPS

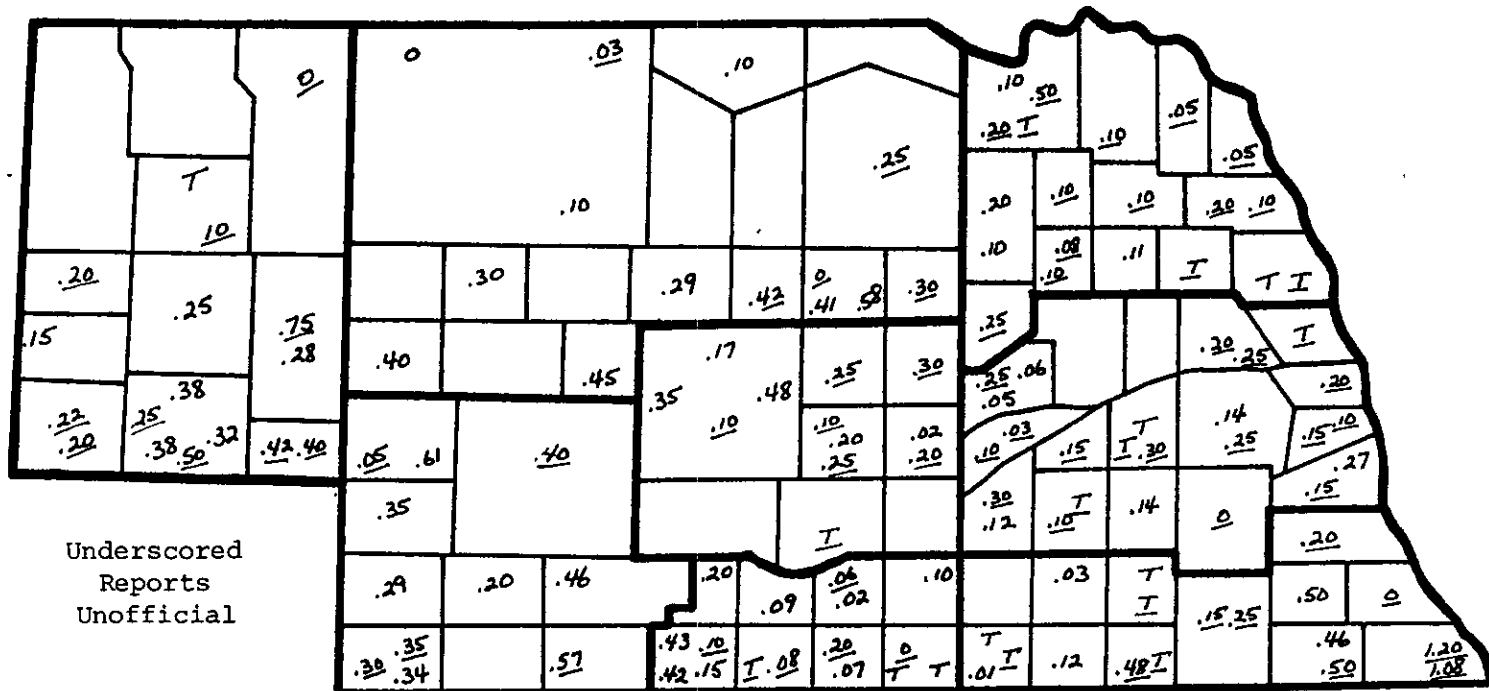
Winter wheat condition was 3% poor, 35% fair, 59% good, and 3% excellent. Some southwestern fields were still snow covered by Friday; this and moisture during the week across the State should help the crop this winter. Snows over the weekend will provide additional moisture and cover to the crop.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range conditions were 9% very poor, 29% poor, 39% fair, 22% good, and 1% excellent. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 10% short, 83% adequate, and 7% surplus. Open conditions, up to this point, had allowed operators to stretch their supplies by grazing crop residues. Some supplemental feeding was required when snow covered stalk fields and winter pastures. More feeding will be necessary after this weekend's snows. Dairy herds in the Northeast were being culled heavily due to lower milk prices.

Weather and Crops reports will be issued only once a month until early spring when weekly reports will resume. The next issue will be released December 31, 1990.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1990



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1990

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	58	12	31	---	0
	Scottsbluff	58	10	29	-2	.22
	Sidney	48	2	25	---	0
NC	Ord	---	---	---	---	---
	Valentine	63	6	28	-1	.03
NE	Norfolk	59	8	30	0	.33
	Sioux City	62	10	31	+1	.08
CEN	Grand Island	58	14	31	-1	.31
EC	Lincoln	67	17	36	+3	.12
	Omaha	66	16	35	+3	.22
SW	Imperial	50	7	27	---	.27
	North Platte	47	1	24	-6	.27

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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